MYSORE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

SEVENTEENTH DAY

Monday, 17th March 1958.

The House met in the Assembly Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at One of the Clock.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER (SRI L. H. THIMMA BOVI, B.A.) in the Chair.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Construction of Channel from Tarnal Tank.

Q.—1109. Sri P. G. SIDHANTI (Muddebihal).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the date on which the dam of Tarnal tank was constructed together with the cost thereof ;

(*b*) the extent of area submerged under water ;

(*c*) whether the construction of channel has been taken up ;

(*d*) if not, the reason therefor ;

(*e*) whether estimates have been prepared ?

A.— Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) During the period 1943-47. Rs. 2,70,654-0-0.

(*b*) 46 Acres.

(*c*) Out of a total length of 9,000 feet of channel to be constructed, a length of 900 feet has been completed.

(*d*) Construction of the remaining length of the channel has been ordered to be reserved to be taken up during scarcity period.

(*e*) Yes.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—After this tank was completed, still are there scarcity conditions ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—I do not know whether scarcity conditions are still prevailing. It is a 10 or 11 year old story. About the year 1951 it was ordered by the erstwhile Bombay Government that this work should be taken up as a scarcity work. This is a very costly project also. The excavation of the channel itself is estimated to cost Rs. 50,000 and the area that will be irrigated will be very much less. So, unless there is acute scarcity prevailing, this work is not remunerative. This is the opinion of the erstwhile Bombay Government. The position stands at this.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know what is the irrigable area ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—The proposed irrigable area is 160 acres and according to the records available, the entire 160 acres will not be available for irrigation because of the nature of the soil and the terrain of the place. There are a number of hillocks and the place is rocky and so only 80 acres will be available for irrigation out of this 160 acres.

Sri P. G. SIDHANTI.—I find that Rs. 20,000 have been provided in the budget for this purpose.

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—As I said, the story I am relating refers to the year 1951. This was dropped then and now we want to pursue the matter and take it up again.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—May I know whether it has been given up or it is still under consideration ?

Sri H. K. VEERANNA GOWDH.—It is still under consideration. In spite of the fact that it is a costly project, if it affords relief to the people, we will certainly take it up.

Sri G. SIVAPPA.—It is stated in the reply that Rs. 2,70,654 have been spent on this dam. May I know the extent of area now being irrigated ?